

Simplification

Regulations, Seasons & Permits



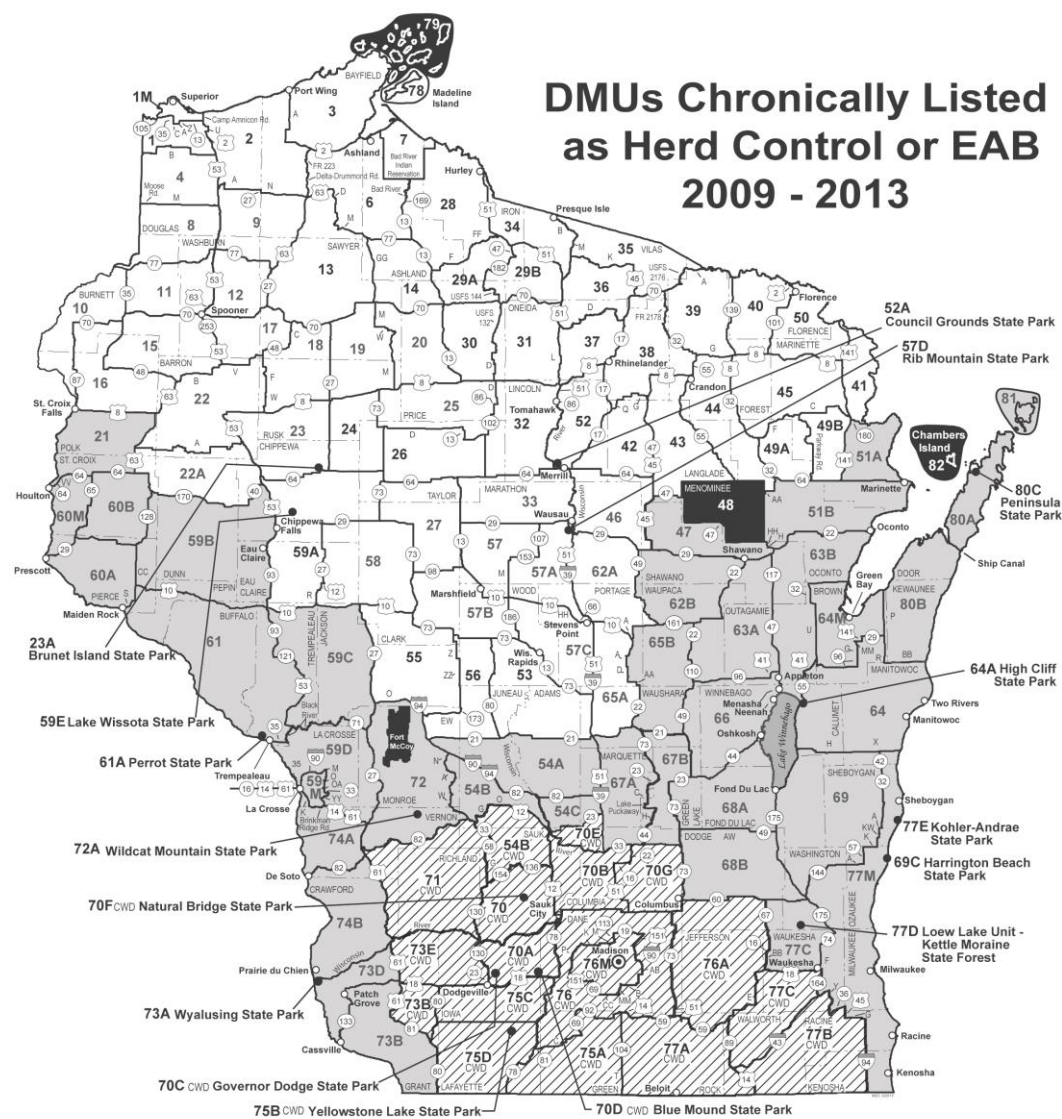
Agenda

Presenter	Item	Topic	Time allowed
Brooks	A	Orientation - Wallenfang, Brooks, Brookbank, Dhuey Jonas, Mejchar	10:00 AM
Mejchar	1	Introductions - Public Participants	
Mejchar	2	Introduction of the Public Reporter need	
Mejchar	3	Facilitation Rules/Participation/Agreements and Tools	
Mejchar	4	Short Dot exercise - Straw Poll Priorities	
Mejchar	5	Select a Public Reporter	11:30 AM
		LUNCH	11:30-12:30
Wallenfang	B	Review of March 9 meeting items; Post-it-Notes, etc.	12:30 PM
Wallenfang, Dhuey, Brooks Jonas, Brookbank, Phelan	1	Information Distribution - Provide Data you asked DNR to bring	
Mejchar	C	Wrap up	
Mejchar	1	Reporter prep for media site broadcast	
Mejchar	2	Parking Lot items	
Mejchar	D	Assignments	
Mejchar	1	Next meeting - Which Issues do you want to address next?	
Mejchar		Adjourn	3:00 PM

Reduce the number of DMUs and combine the Farmland regions.

- Wallenfang - Where are the chronic herd control units?
- Brooks - Reduce from existing number of DMU's to county that takes us from 131 DMU's to 72. What are the DNR's concerns with this change?
- Dhuey - Current population & harvest data for existing farmland DMU's?

DMUs Chronically Listed as Herd Control or EAB 2009 - 2013



Key

- Regular Unit
- Herd Control Unit or EAB
- CWD Unit

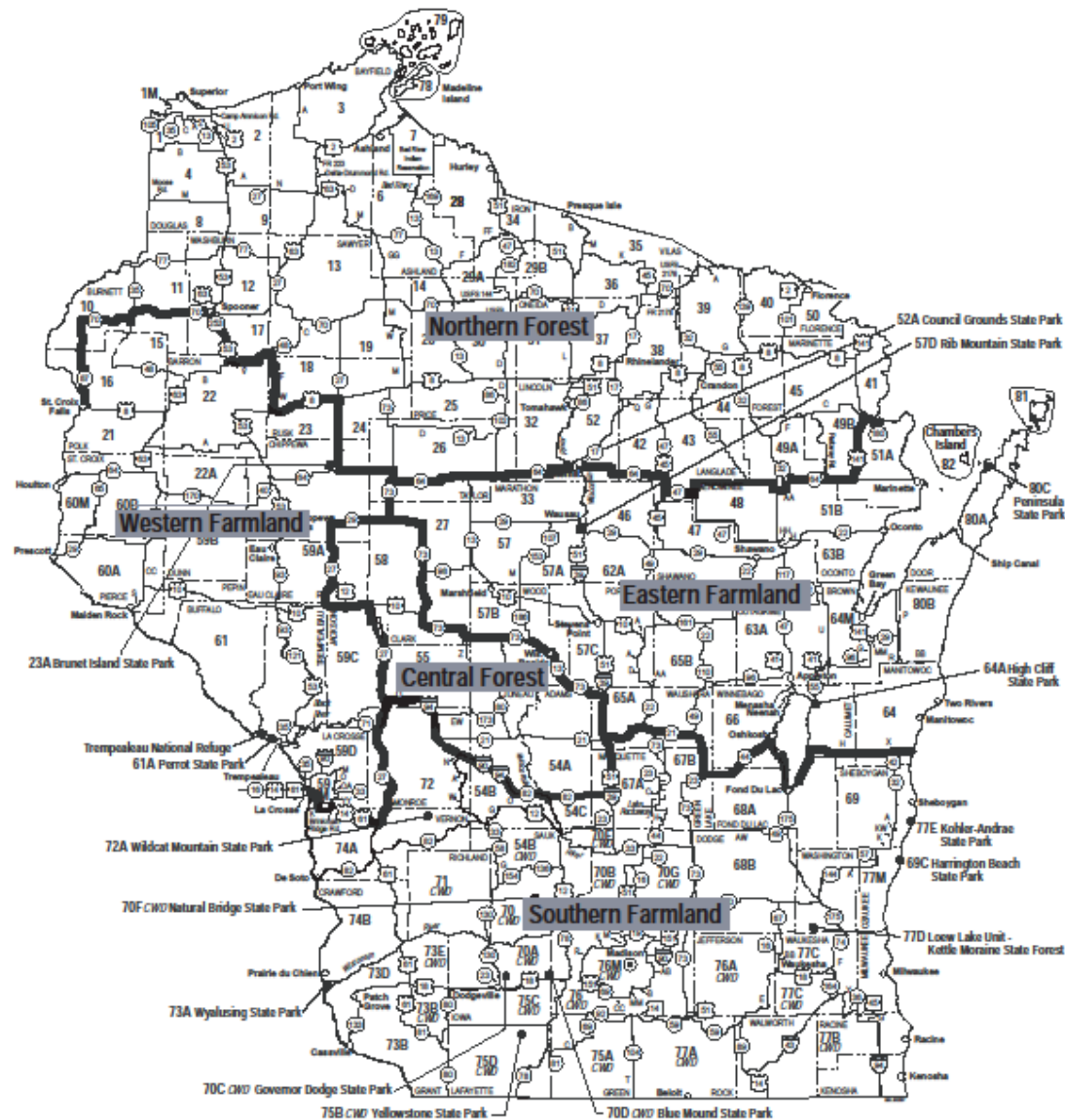
DMUs that have been classified as a Herd Control or Earn a Buck unit for five or more years are considered to be "chronically" above management goals

- Unit 48 firearm season is for tribal members only - season set by Menominee Tribe

Reduce the number of DMUs and combine the Farmland regions.

- Wallenfang - I would like a map of what a farmland unit would look like. I would like a map of public access land for considering making public land units.
- Wallenfang - Need to know the percentage of private land within current DMUs.
- Wallenfang - Where are the farmland regions?

Deer Management Regions



Reduce the number of DMUs and combine the Farmland regions.

- Wallenfang - What do you mean by the farmland regions? How big of an area?
- Wallenfang - Need to know the extent of the farmland regions, map it out.
- Wallenfang - What is considered farmland region? Number of farmland in a county? Percent woodland in a region? By county; multi-county?

Reduce the number of DMUs and combine the Farmland regions.

- Wallenfang - What portion of Wisconsin is considered farmland region? What are habitat differences in the farmland units can they be managed as 1 unit?
- Wallenfang - Topographical and satellite maps of current DMU's.
- Wallenfang - How many units have farmland mixed with forest areas?

Reduce the number of DMUs and combine the Farmland regions.

- Dhuey - Kill by DMU and by county?
- Dhuey - If a county i.e. Iowa county is geographically split North of Hwy 18 how will S of Hwy 18 be able to be managed?
- Dhuey - Are we prepared to change DMU's to some other criteria than similar habitat type?
- Dhuey - Would farmland region be more liberal or less liberal with antlerless tags?

Reduce the number of DMUs and combine the Farmland regions.

- Dhuey - Is there a scientifically recommended minimum size?
- Dhuey - Why reduce DMU's? Simply to get better deer estimate numbers?
- Dhuey - What are geographically similar areas comprising Wisconsin?

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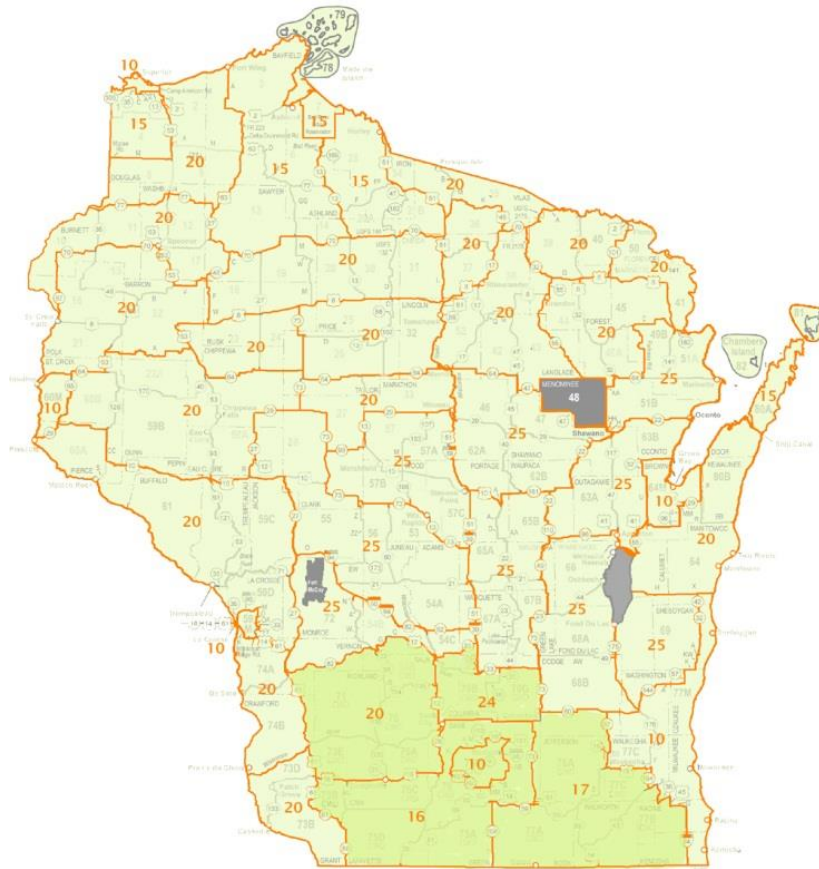
- Dhuey - Need to know where similar habitat areas are throughout the state to determine DMU boundaries.

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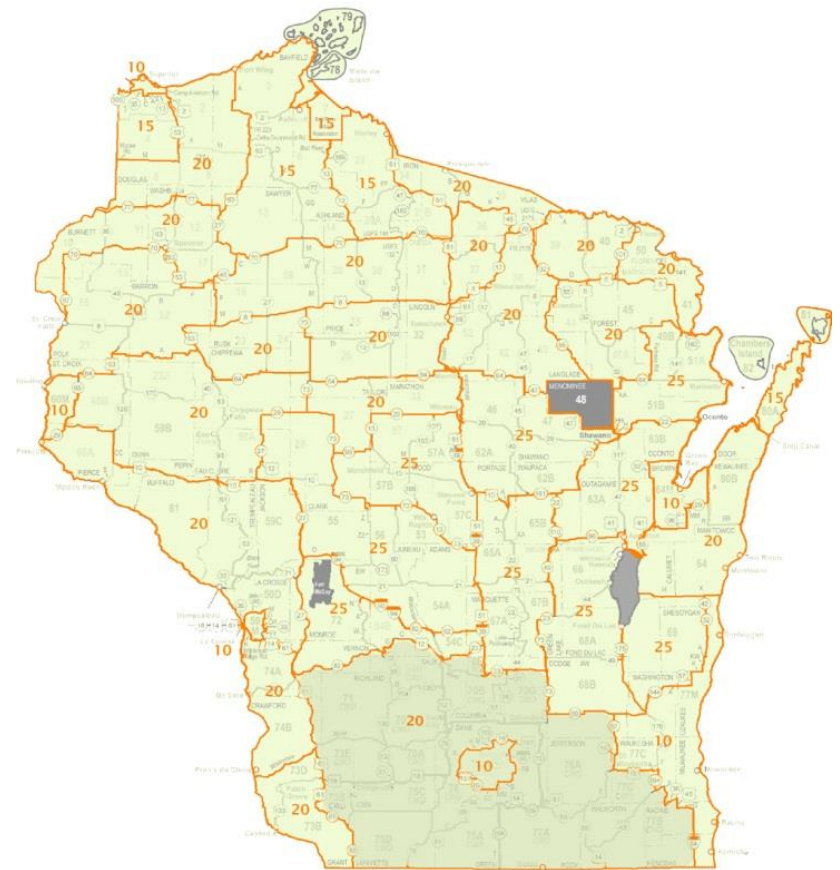
DMU Map Link



DMU Aggregation and Goal Concept with Split CWD Management Zone



DMU Aggregation and Goal Concept with Simplified CWD Management Zone



Deer hunting

With a thriving deer herd, Wisconsin is recognized as one of the premier deer hunting states in the nation.

Deer forum

Be an active participant in Wisconsin's deer management program!

Two ways to participate.

- [Attend local deer forum](#). March 7-29, 2012.
- [Participate in the deer forums from your home](#) by reviewing DMU information and providing input through our online survey. March 7-April 3, 2012.

Deer hunting opportunities

- [Youth hunting](#)
- [Mentored hunting](#)
- [Disabled deer hunting](#)
- [Agricultural damage hunting permits](#)

Tools for your season

- [Deer season dates](#)
- [2011 Deer season structure](#) and [boundary descriptions](#)
- [Deer hunting regulations and hours](#)
- [Baiting and feeding regulations](#)
- [Antlerless deer \(bonus\) carcass tags availability](#)
- [Deer season structure and tagging](#) [PDF]
- [So You Got a Deer](#) [PDF exit DNR]
- [Videos on safe deer processing](#) [exit DNR]
- [Deer donation program](#)

Monitoring the herd

- [Deer abundance and densities in deer management units \(DMU\)](#)
- [Deer herd management](#)



[Becoming an Outdoors-Woman \(BOW\)](#) [exit DNR] celebrates the 20th Anniversary of offering outdoor skills workshops to women throughout North America!

Hunting

[Safety Class](#)

Sign up for hunter safety. Required if you were born on or after January 1, 1973.

[Buy](#)

your hunting license.

[Apply](#)

for a permit and check permit status online.

Related links

- [Deer hunting regulations](#)
- [Where to hunt](#)
- [Damaging and nuisance wildlife](#)
- [Learn to hunt program](#)

Deer Management Unit (DMU) specific information & survey

Thank you for your participation in the on-line deer forum!

Wisconsin has long been known as one of the most publicly-driven deer management programs in the country. That has become even more so in recent years as thousands of volunteers have helped the DNR gather deer herd information by being active participants in [deer research projects](#) and observation data collection through [Operation Deer Watch](#) and on-line field [observation surveys](#).

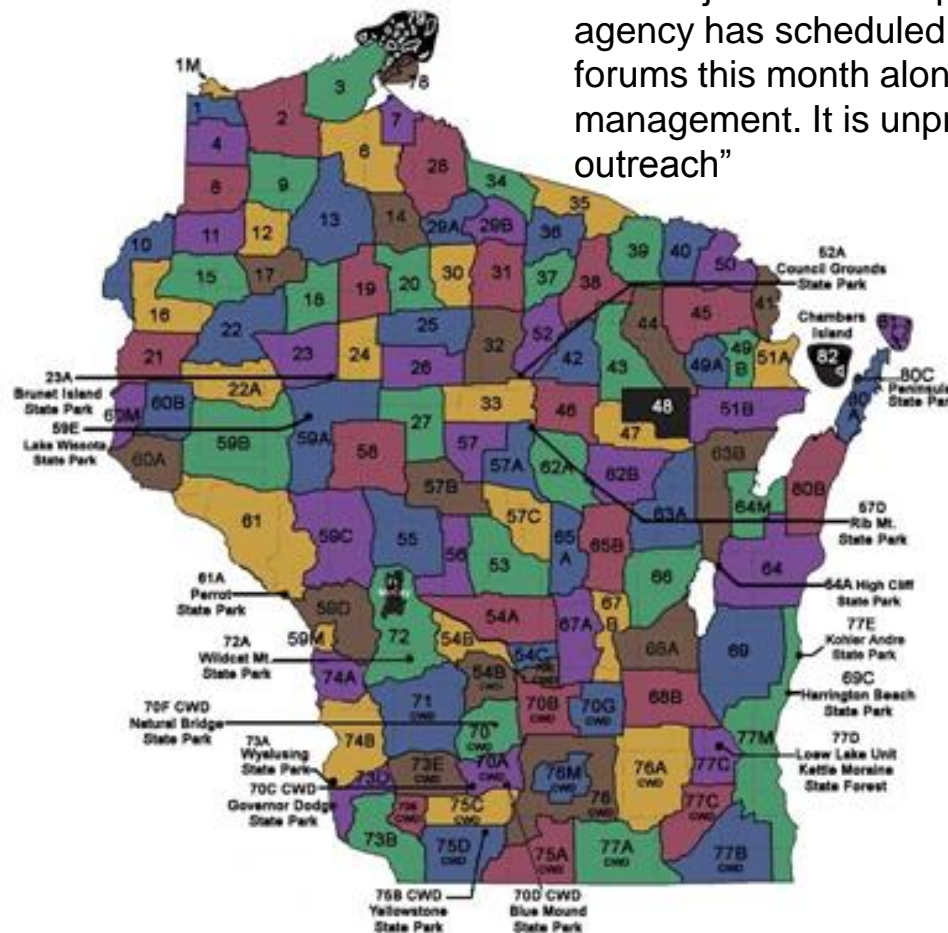
By participating in the deer forum, you can access information about your favorite DMU, plus provide us with your personal opinions and observations while thinking about how they help shape the management policies for your DMU. Your feedback, along with that from others with an interest in deer management, will help shape decisions as we develop the 2012 deer hunting season.

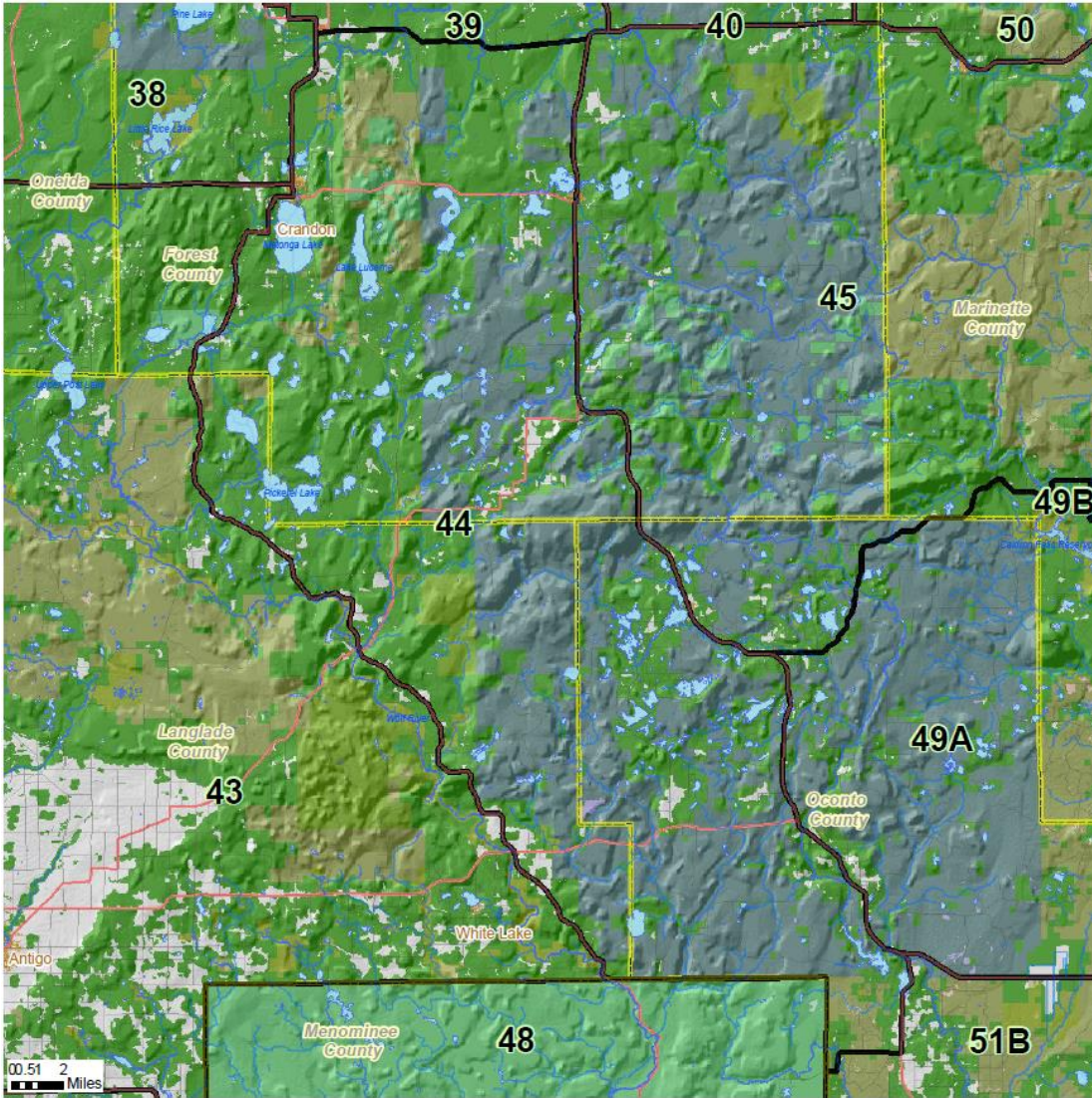
Thank you again for being an active participant in Wisconsin's deer management!

Get started

Click on your favorite DMU. Then follow instructions to first review information about your DMU, and then take a short survey to provide your input.

“To cite just one example, the agency has scheduled 34 public forums this month alone on deer management. It is unprecedented outreach”





Estimated Deer Range

Based on 1992 satellite imagery

Deer Management Unit: **44**

Square Miles of Deer Range: **466**

- DMU Boundary
- Estimated Deer Range
- Highway
- County
- Water
- Urban/Developed

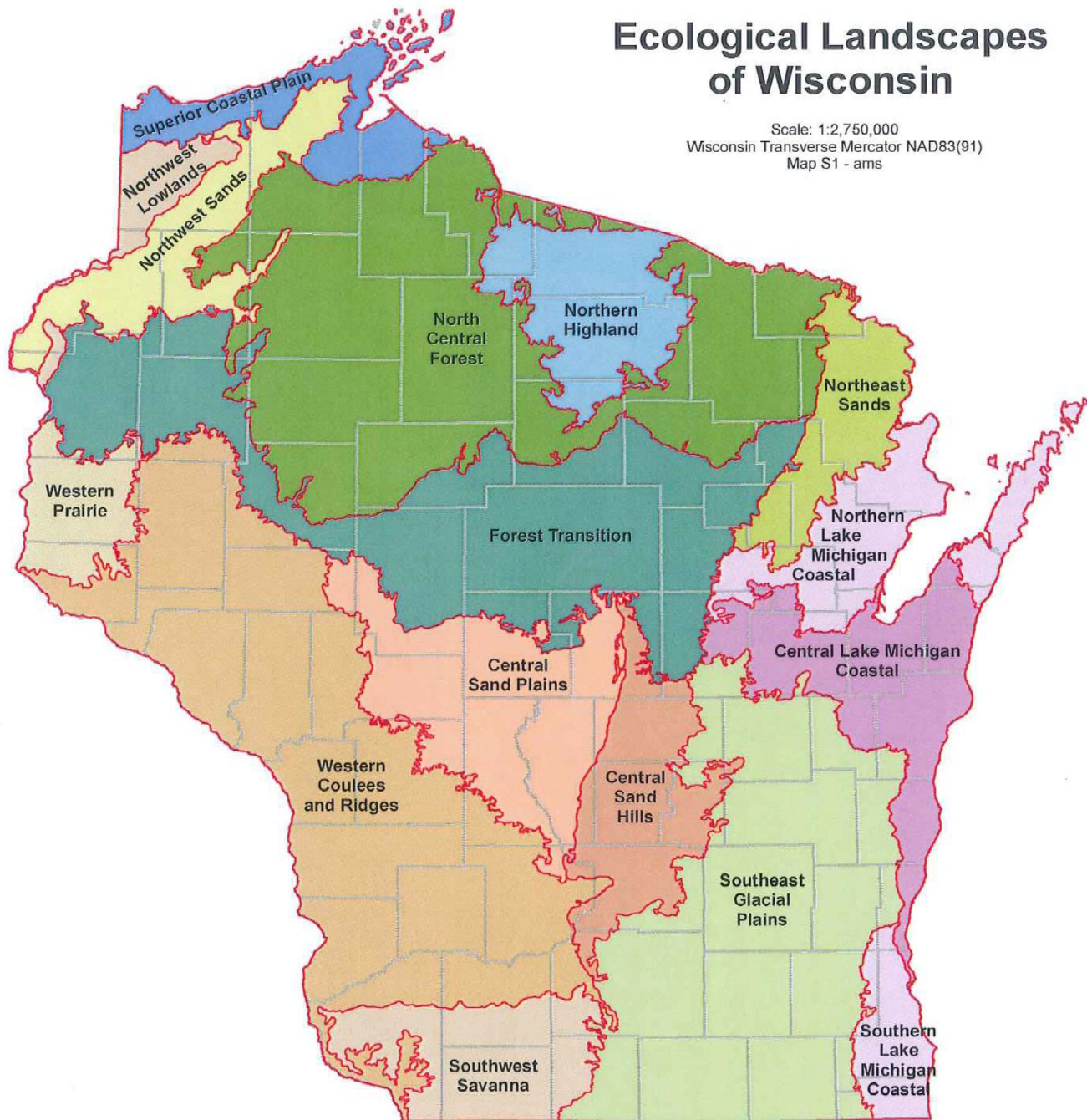
Public Land

- County
- Federal
- State
- Tribal
- Other

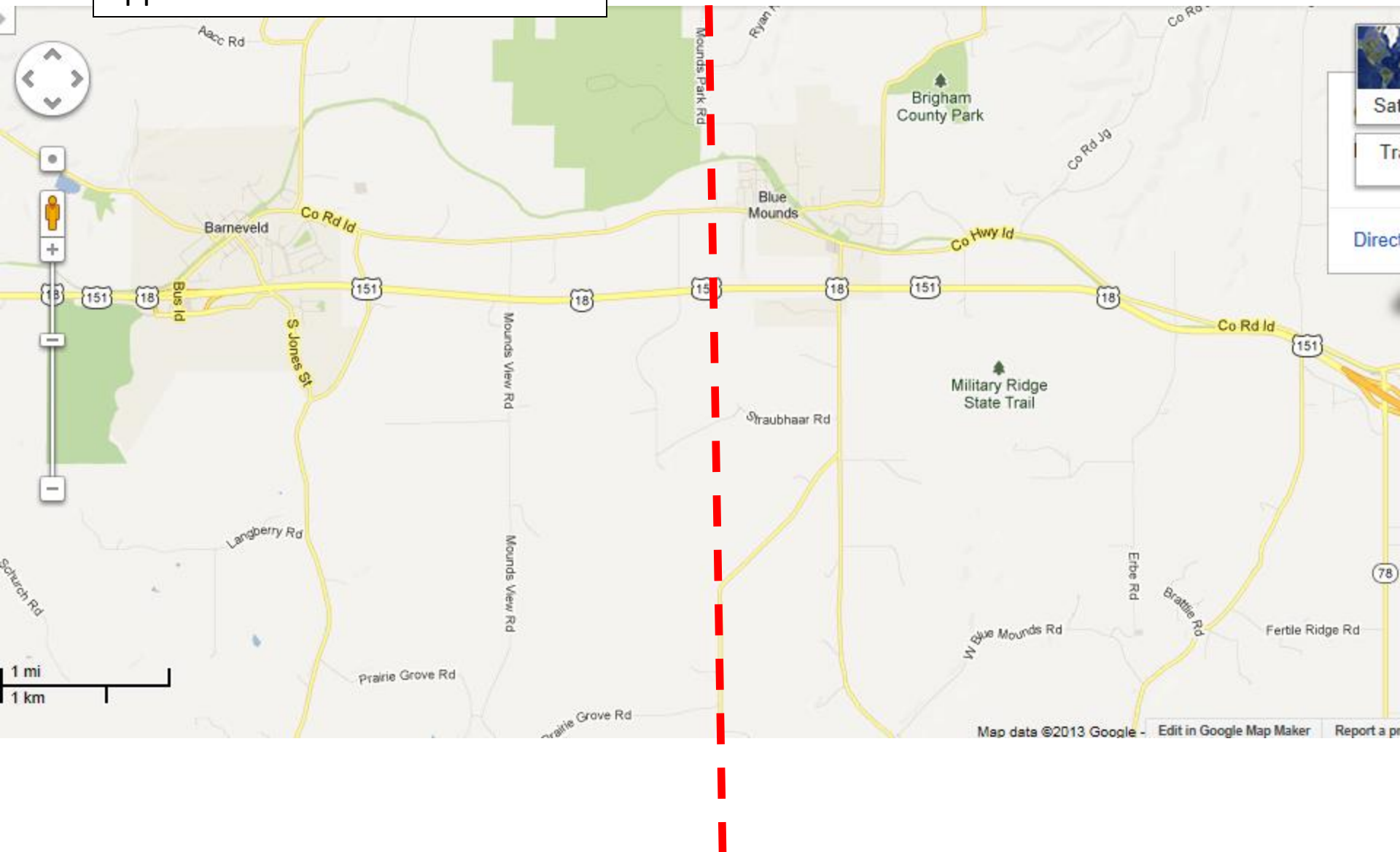


Ecological Landscapes of Wisconsin

Scale: 1:2,750,000
Wisconsin Transverse Mercator NAD83(91)
Map S1 - ams



Slide depicts how, if a county line designation was used, would appear.



Slide depicts how, if a county line designation was used, does not always follow a natural landmark (river etc) and may follow fence lines and or private roads.



Simplify the regulatory process by setting antlerless harvest goals, harvest regulations and antlerless permit quotas on a 3-5 year cycle.

- Brooks - Get information on number of violations based on change frequency.
- Dhuey - What is past 3-5 year DMU data show for DMU's changes?
- Wallenfang - What about special conditions? Two bad winter years. Need emergency rules?
- Wallenfang - We need to know how volatile populations can move in 3 years, 5 years and so on.

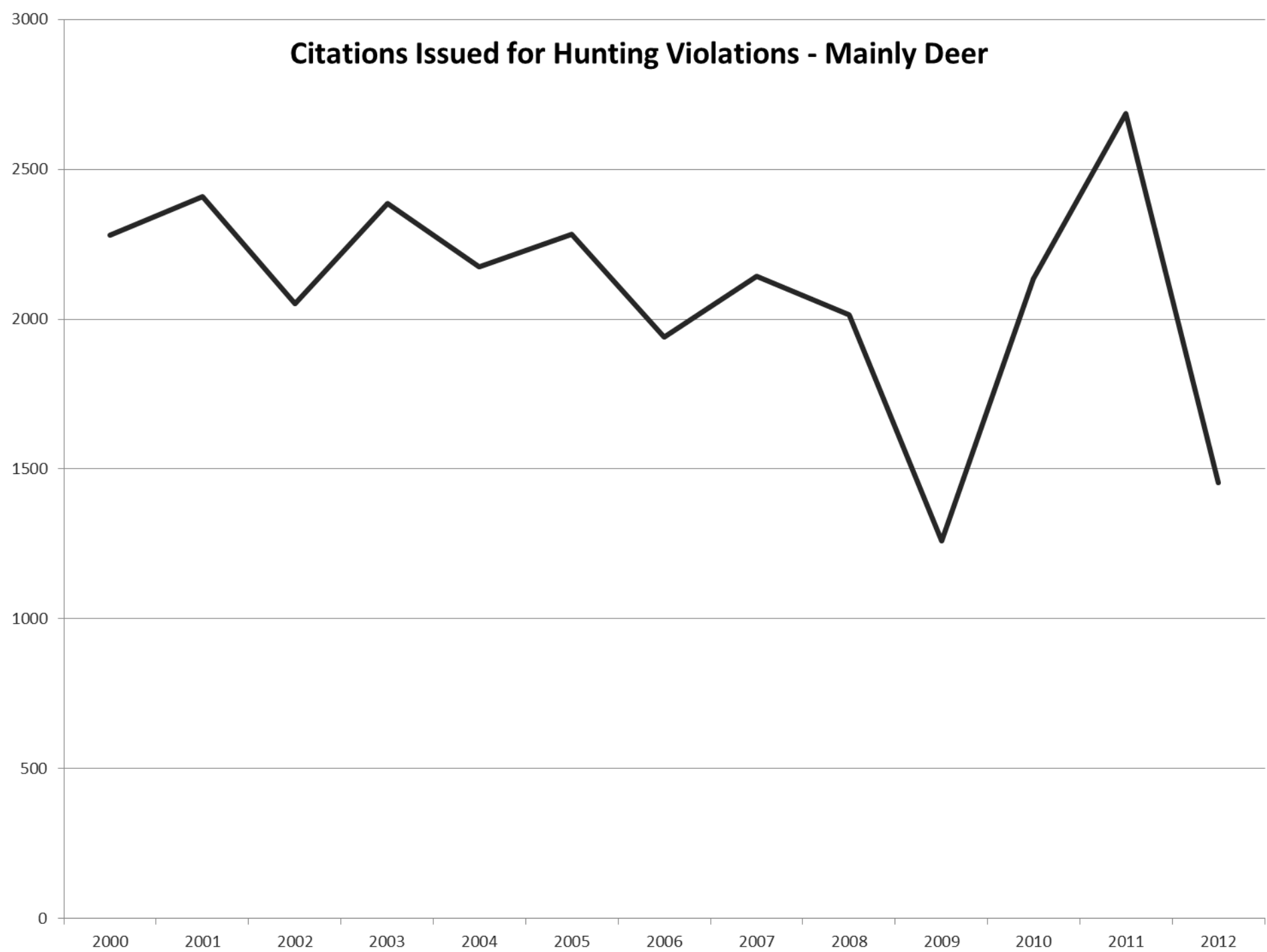
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- Dhuey - How will a heavy winter event impact 3 or 5 year timeframe? What is the current duration of reviews if its not already 3-5 years?
- Dhuey - Data on yearly estimate how much do they vary each year? Plus or minus 10% 20%...?
- Wallenfang - Would there be an opportunity to make “emergency” adjustments for example – winter kill like 2007/08?
- Phelan - Need current process, congress consideration, legislators, NRB.

Simplify the regulatory process by setting antlerless harvest goals, harvest regulations and antlerless permit quotas on a 3-5 year cycle.

- **Wallenfang - What % are there already 4 antlerless now?**
- **Wallenfang - Will limiting antlerless permits limit number of bucks (EAB permit) in CWD zone?**
- **Brookbank - How would local vendor know if hunter has already purchased?**

Citations Issued for Hunting Violations - Mainly Deer



Current Deer Quota Setting Timeline

Jan 10 – Last stub mail in date

Jan 25 - Last stubs entered

Jan 29 – Deer Advisory Committee meeting

Feb 1 - Receive tribal harvest data from GLIFWC

Feb 4 - First draft of SAK to field staff

Feb 5-8 - First draft accounting estimates to field staff

**Feb 11- Feb 22 – Regional population modeling meetings
- initial season framework discussion**

Feb. 15 – CWD prevalence update

Feb. 22 – Internet template complete and out for field review

**Late Feb – Outreach informing customers of venues for sharing
deer information**

**March 5 - Deer Committee conference call – final population
estimates**

**Preliminary DMU map developed - zero quota units
unknown**

March 8– internet forum goes live

**March - Yellow sheet deadline for May NRB: Approval of 2013
deer season recommendations**

**March 1-11 - WCC District Meetings (part of deer information
meeting circuit)**

**March 1 – Sec. Briefing on Deer Forum
information/recommendations**

March 1 – Quota reference values out to staff

March 18 -29 - Deer Hunter Forums

March 10-30 - Regional wildlife staff quota-setting meetings

March 16 (tentative) – WCC Big game study committee meeting

April 3 - Field quota recommendations due to central office

April 16 - Deer Committee conf. call - Final Deer Quota Resolution

**April 18 – Secretary briefing with season structure
recommendations**

**Late April - Green Sheet: Approval of 2013 deer unit /season
designation recommendations.**

May 12 - Deer season proposal to NRB/public

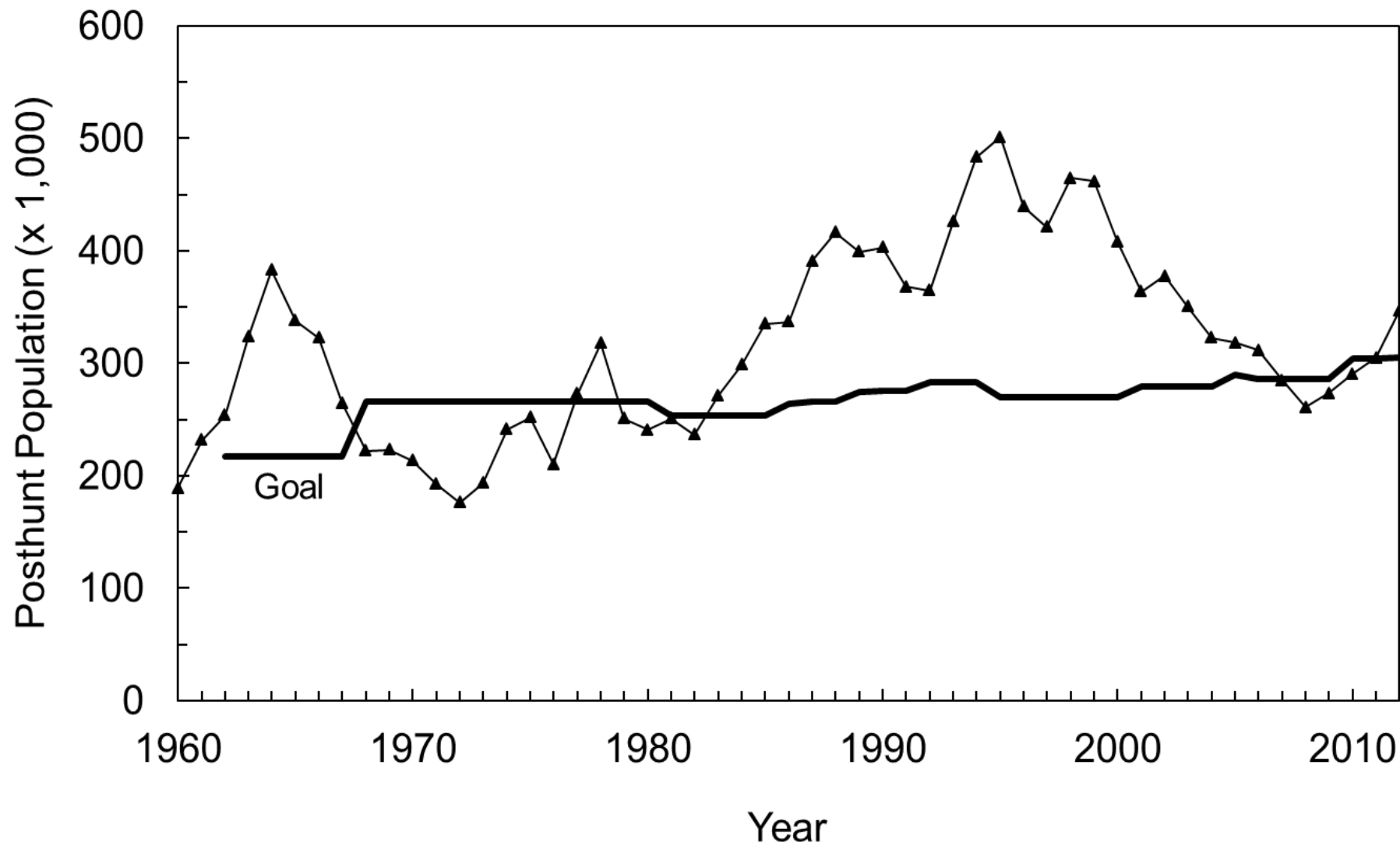
**May 22 - NRB Meeting: Approval of 2012 deer season
recommendations**

June 26 - Deer Regulations to print

**Late June - DNR adjusts tribal declarations to account for historical
harvest**

**Final deer quota and permit levels (if harvest exceeded
thresholds)**

Northern Forest



Limit antlerless deer harvest in Regular and Herd Control Zones.

- Wallenfang - Current limits?
- Dhuey - Current herd estimate of antlerless?
- Dhuey - What is impact on deer population?

Limit antlerless deer harvest in Regular and Herd Control Zones.

- Brookbank - How many people buy how many tags?
- Wallenfang - How many people do this? Why? Has this been a problem?
- Dhuey - Data with information on average number of deer per hunter.

Limit antlerless deer harvest in Regular and Herd Control Zones.

- Dhuey - How many people actually harvest 2 or more deer?
- Dhuey - Is this information showing number of deer registered per individual, i.e. hunters # - 1 deer shot by 1 hunter, # - 2 deer shot by 1 hunter, # - 3 deer shot by 1 hunter etc?

Limit antlerless deer harvest in Regular and Herd Control Zones.

- Dhuey - Different for CWD zone or other units?
- Dhuey - How will group bagging affect number of tags issued?

Number of Antlerless Permits Purchased per Hunter

Regular Unit Antlerless Permits Sold @ \$12/

# Customers	#1	#2	#3	#4	5+
NR 8,591	7,393	931	179	49	39
Res 110,951	92,926	13,646	2,990	872	517

Herd Control Antlerless Permits Sold @ \$2/

# Customers	#1	#2	#3	#4	5+
NR 2,518	1344	811	175	92	97
Res 33,483	19,849	9,891	1,997	976	770

Number of Deer Shot per Hunter - 2012

Antlered Bucks

#1	#2	#3	#4+
140,037	11,645	550	93

Antlerless

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125,567	23,455	5,676	2,714

Re-evaluate the effectiveness of the October antlerless seasons in the CWD Zones.

- Dhuey - Info pertaining to public opinion on October season.
- Dhuey - Need information of harvest and participation by unit.
- Dhuey - Success ratio?
- Dhuey - Estimated number of hunters to harvested deer?

Re-evaluate the effectiveness of the October antlerless seasons in the CWD Zones.

- Dhuey - Need to see number of deer harvested in October compared to total harvest. Has harvest numbers significantly changed before, during, after? Has archery harvest been affected?
- Dhuey - If the number of antlerless deer harvested during the October hunt has plummeted since the EAB in CWD zones has changes to the “bonus buck” rule then do away with the October hunt?

Re-evaluate the effectiveness of the October antlerless seasons in the CWD Zones.

- Dhuey - Kill info prior to CWD and since CWD
- Dhuey - Over the years what has the harvest data shown? How many hunters participate what is the success rate?
- Dhuey - Was there a reduction in antlerless kill in 2012 vs year with October hunt?
- Dhuey - Effectiveness without an earn a buck requirement?

Re-evaluate the effectiveness of the October antlerless seasons in the CWD Zones.

- Dhuey - Did regulation season in 2012 have more or less participants than years with October hunt?
- Dhuey - Can of worms – harvest trends vs infection trends. What are other options?

Changes in Deer Harvest in CWD DMUs

Year	CWD Affected Units		
	Antlered	Antlerless	Total
2000	29,639	55,657	85,296
2001	23,338	34,998	58,336
2002	20,882	45,773	66,655
2003	26,495	57,639	84,134
2004	23,248	56,733	79,981
2005	26,980	44,301	71,281
2006	28,248	36,096	64,344
2007	22,543	56,443	78,986
2008	19,665	55,690	75,355
2009	18,961	43,632	62,593
2010	18,635	45,054	63,689
2011	24,673	30,259	54,932
2012	26,719	33,746	60,465

Maintain the current buck limit of one buck per Deer Gun License (may be used in muzzleloader season) and one buck per Archery Deer License.

- Dhuey - How many people take 2 bucks per year?**

Maintain the Bonus Buck Regulation in CWD Zone.

- Dhuey - How many hunters shot more than 3 bucks with a bow?
- Dhuey - How many hunters shot a second buck with a bonus buck permit? Percent of total kill?
- Dhuey - Data for number of second buck in CWD.
- Wallenfang - How does this tie into “passive” CWD management?

Maintain the Bonus Buck Regulation in CWD Zone.

- Wallenfang - What is the buck population in CWD? Before and after CWD?
- Wallenfang - Has a CWD zone ever gone away?
- Wallenfang - Would go away if CWD zone is eliminated? Legal language defines CWD zone comes into play, if CWD zone doesn't exist special regs that pertain specifically to CWD zone wouldn't exist either?

Maintain the Bonus Buck Regulation in CWD Zone.

- Wallenfang - Is there a chance this could go statewide?

Resolve the cross-bow season issue through the public involvement process.

- Wallenfang - Can you provide the results of DNR mail surveys and conservation congress votes on full inclusion of crossbows? Not age 55 questions just full inclusion questions.
- Phelan - Conservation congress process.
- Brooks - Is this a legislative matter?

Resolve the cross-bow season issue through the public involvement process.

- Wallenfang - What is the crossbow issue?
- Brooks - What are current Regulations?

- Crossbows



4,170 applications
reviewed in license year 2012

- 57% issued Crossbow permit
- 40% issued Class B Crossbow permit
- 3% denied

Review & Issuance Cost: \$30,000 annually

Customers: Cost to receive medical evaluation

• Crossbows



There were a number of changes made in 2012 on who can use crossbows and for what purposes. For the 2012 hunting season a person must;

- **Be age 65 or older** to hunt deer with a crossbow using an archery license during the archery deer season. Or,
- **Possess a valid disabled hunting permit** that authorizes the use of a crossbow in order to hunt deer with a crossbow during the archery deer season. Or,
- **During any gun deer season** a person with a gun deer hunting license has the choice of using a firearm, bow or crossbow for hunting deer; it must be used with a gun deer license/carcass tags

There was a Conservation Congress Advisory Question seeking public interest in lowering the age for individuals who are not disabled to use a crossbow from age 65 to age 55. There was support for this proposal, but it would first require a change to state statute be made by the state legislature.

During the 2011-12 legislative session, there was a bill introduced (AB 384 and passed as 2011 Act 252) to allow any person old enough to hunt to use a crossbow for hunting small game under a small game license, turkey under a turkey license, bear under a bear license, and deer under a gun deer license during any gun deer season. There was an amendment made to this bill to also try and reduce the age for using a crossbow under the archery license from age 65 to age 55. This amendment was tabled and not passed.

Resolve the baiting and feeding issue outside CWD affected areas.

- Baiting – affects on disabled hunters?
- Any studies done on how deer habitats are affected by baiting, nocturnal, change in movement, increase disease, etc?
- What other groups impacted by elimination?

Resolve the baiting and feeding issue outside CWD affected areas.

- Wallenfang - What kind of push back is there from other groups? – Vendors – Bear hunters
- Wallenfang - How much is spent on bait/feeding each year?
- Wallenfang - Is income important to some states?
- Wallenfang - How many people feed outside the deer season?

Resolve the baiting and feeding issue outside CWD affected areas.

- Dhuey - How many people would stop hunting without baiting
- Wallenfang - How many people bait during the deer season?
- Wallenfang - How many hunters/camps currently use baiting?

Resolve the baiting and feeding issue outside CWD affected areas.

- Biological info on deer behavior changes with baiting i.e. going nocturnal, disease transmission.
- Is baiting and feeding worth having based on disease spreading?
- What is the value \$ of the industry? They are vocal in keeping it.
- What are the numbers for baiting? Feeding?

Resolve the baiting and feeding issue outside CWD affected areas.

- Brooks - What method process is needed to make changes?
- Brooks - Can this be enforced?
- Brooks - How many violations have occurred in the past few years on this?
- Brooks - How many deer farms have CWD? Why not stop this problem?

Resolve the baiting and feeding issue outside CWD affected areas.

- Info pertaining to the effectiveness in enforcement
- What counties are baiting and feeding?
- Hunter conflicts deer behavior commercial dealer response violations?
- Definition of “bait”? What is baiting?
- What is current penalty?

- Definition

Bait means

...any material placed or used to attract wild animals, including liquid scent, salt, and mineral blocks.



- Definition

Feeding Site means

...any location or area in which bait or feed is placed or deposited or that contains bait or feed material used to attract wild animals for recreational and supplemental feeding or for **hunting** purposes.



- Definition

Hunt over means

...hunting within 100 yards of any feeding site where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area contains a feeding site.

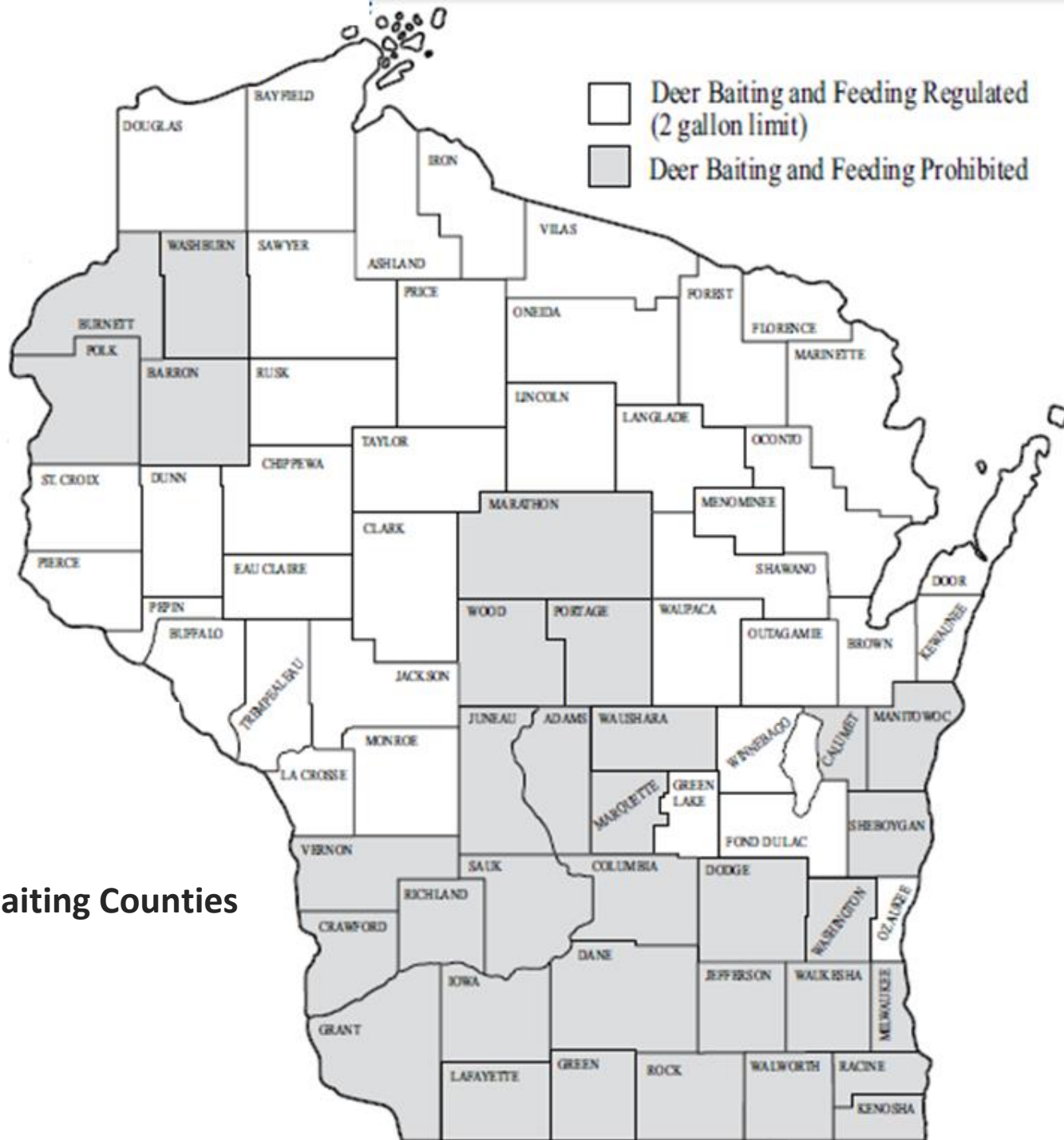


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Feed means

...any material that may attract or be consumed by wild animals that is placed for any non-hunting purposes including recreational and supplemental feeding, but does not include plain drinking water.



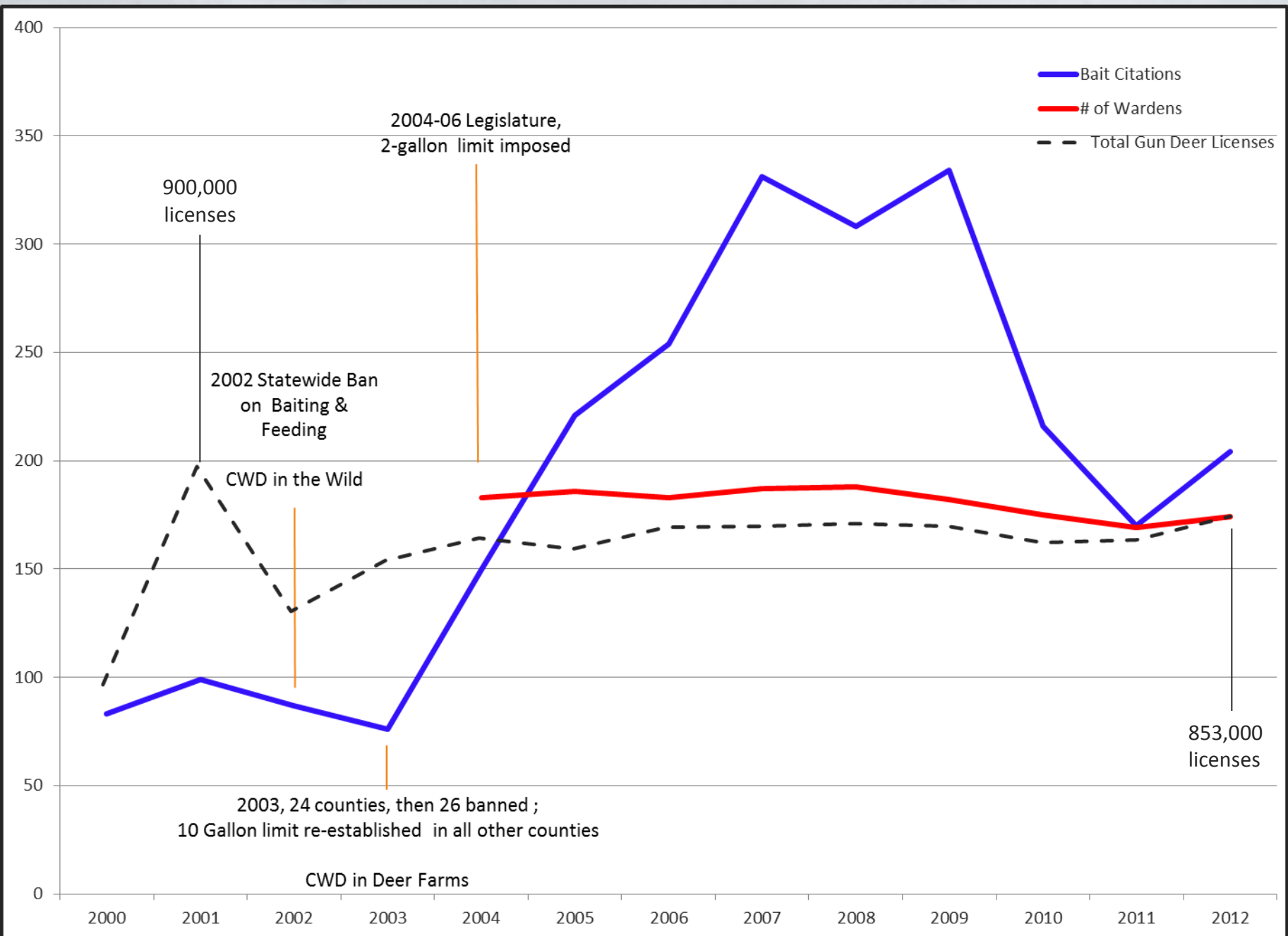


Current **NO**-Baiting Counties

• Influences on Violations

- **Hunter attitude** (are they in good spirits, disappointed, do they have high expectations, etc)
- **Weather**
- **Warden Vacancies**
- **Emphasis (priority)**
- **Flight availability**
- **The bond for violating Baiting is**
 - Under 5 gal \$343.50
 - 5-25 \$544.50
 - Over 25 gal \$745.50
- **Feeding \$343.50**

**CWD + Deer
Farms - 8**



Base Antlerless Permit Quotas on DMU historical demand.

- Dhuey - How many people purchase more than 2 permits per unit?
- Dhuey - How will this recommendation be changed when DMU's change and numbers change accordingly?
- Wallenfang - If followed, won't this just insure a continued increase in the herd? Don't you need to look at other methods/ways to reduce the herd?

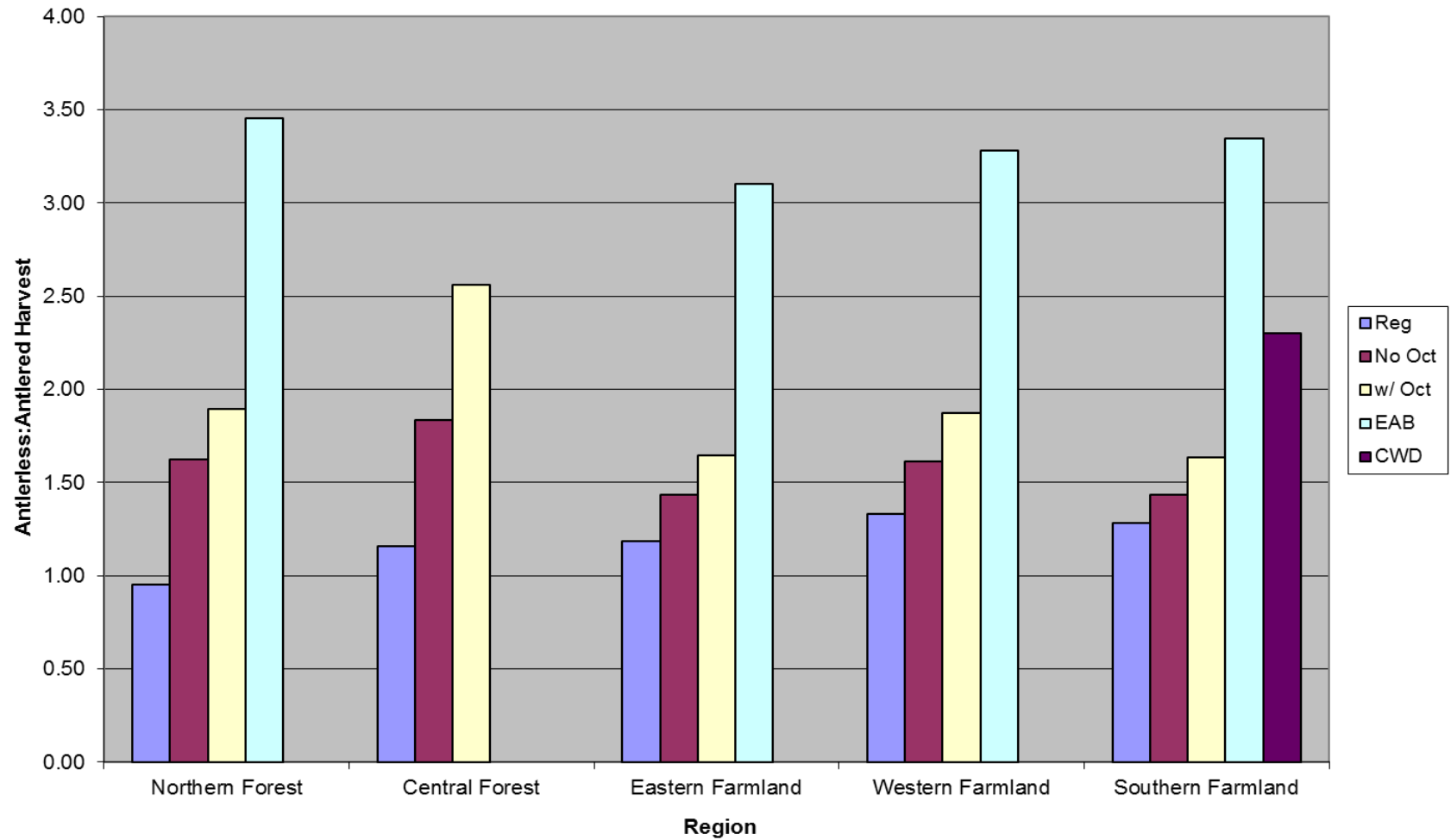
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- Wallenfang - Are there people purchasing antlerless permits with the intent of never using them?
- Wallenfang - Maximum historical demand?
- Wallenfang - Number of permits issued and used?
- Dhuey - How do we track bonus antlerless kills vs regular tags?

Increase the cost of all antlerless tags for Regular and Herd Control Units to \$12.

- Brookbank - What is the expected revenue and its use?
- Wallenfang - I hear are more effective at harvesting antlerless deer. Would like more stats on this.

Mean Antlerless:Antlered Harvest Ratio by Season Framework and Region, 1996-2011



Deer Bag by Hunter, 2012

#Bagged	# of Hunters	# Harvested	% of Hunters	% of Harvest
0	373,776	0	60.11%	0.00%
1	179,803	179,803	28.91%	51.82%
2	48,863	97,726	7.86%	28.17%
3	12,994	38,982	2.09%	11.24%
4	4,011	16,044	0.65%	4.62%
5	1,359	6,795	0.22%	1.96%
6	515	3,090	0.08%	0.89%
7	255	1,785	0.04%	0.51%
8	119	952	0.02%	0.27%
9	52	468	0.01%	0.13%
10	31	310	0.00%	0.09%
11	25	275	0.00%	0.08%
12	10	120	0.00%	0.03%
13	11	143	0.00%	0.04%
14	3	42	0.00%	0.01%
15	4	60	0.00%	0.02%
16	3	48	0.00%	0.01%
17	4	68	0.00%	0.02%
18	1	18	0.00%	0.01%
22	1	22	0.00%	0.01%
24	1	24	0.00%	0.01%
25	1	25	0.00%	0.01%
27	1	27	0.00%	0.01%
28	1	28	0.00%	0.01%
36	1	36	0.00%	0.01%
51	1	51	0.00%	0.01%

Number of Deer Shot per Hunter - 2012

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2012 Bonus Antlerless Tags
(Customers can only purchase on per day)

	Total Unique Customers	# Cust Bought 1 tag	# Cust Bought 2 tags	# Cust Bought 3 tags	# Cust Bought 4 tags	# Cust Bought 5 tags	# Cust Bought 6 tags	# Cust Bought 7 tags	# Cust Bought 8 tags	# Cust Bought 9 tags	# Cust Bought 10 tags	# Cust Bought 11 tags	# Cust Bought 12 tags	# Cust Bought 13 tags	# Cust Bought 17 tags	# Cust Bought 19 tags
# Nonresident Customers	8,591	7,393	931	179	49	19	11	7	1				1			
# Resident Customers	110,951	92,926	13,646	2,990	872	265	137	53	29	14	9	3	2	3	1	1
Total Customers	119,542	100,319	14,577	3,169	921	284	148	60	30	14	9	3	3	3	1	1
Total Tags	145,992	100,319	29,154	9,507	3,684	1,420	888	420	240	126	90	33	36	39	17	19

2012 Herd Control Tags

	Total Unique Customers	# Cust Bought 1 tag	# Cust Bought 2 tags	# Cust Bought 3 tags	# Cust Bought 4 tags	# Cust Bought 5 tags	# Cust Bought 6 tags	# Cust Bought 7 tags	# Cust Bought 8 tags	# Cust Bought 9 tags	# Cust Bought 10 tags	# Cust Bought 11 tags	# Cust Bought 13 tags	# Cust Bought 18 tags	# Cust Bought 19 tags	# Cust Bought 24 tags
# Nonresident Customers	2,518	1,344	811	175	92	64	14	5	4	7	1		1			
# Resident Customers	33,483	19,849	9,891	1,997	976	456	167	38	39	47	10	4	2	5	1	1
Total Customers	36,001	21,193	10,702	2,172	1,068	520	181	43	43	54	11	4	3	5	1	1
Total Tags	58,528	21,193	21,404	6,516	4,272	2,600	1,086	301	344	486	110	44	39	90	19	24

Bonus Deer Revenue goes to the Wildlife Damage Fund

FY	Resident Bonus Deer Revenue	Non- Resident Bonus Deer Revenue	Total Bonus Deer Revenue	Hunting License Surcharge	Patron License Surcharge	Total License Surcharge	Total Wildlife Damage Revenue
2006	1,882,535	212,608	2,095,143	1,990,487	244,848	2,235,335	4,330,478
2007	842,323	83,518	925,840	2,102,131	229,785	2,331,916	3,257,756
2008	422,526	23,223	445,749	2,124,509	223,900	2,348,409	2,794,157
2009	447,900	39,942	487,842	2,144,813	208,920	2,353,733	2,841,575
2010	1,466,579	206,240	1,672,819	2,154,984	191,601	2,346,585	4,019,404
2011	1,365,295	129,687	1,494,982	2,124,966	182,964	2,307,930	3,802,912
2012	770,711	58,752	829,463	2,120,887	181,196	2,302,083	3,131,546

Consider charging a fee for antlerless tags in the CWD Zone.

- Team Decides - Would there be any limit on permits?
- Dhuey - Why? Don't we want deer shot here? Will a change really give value to the antlerless segment?
- Dhuey - How many tags total/used?

Establish a public lands antlerless permit system.

- Wallenfang - How do other states manage tags on public vs private lands?
- Wallenfang - What other states have public land permits? How do they work?
- Wallenfang - What other states do this and how do they do this?
- Wallenfang - What lands? How large a unit? Public lands become own unit?

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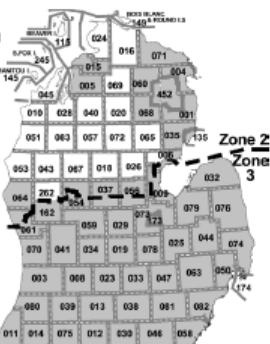
- Wallenfang - How many landowners/hunters shoot antlerless on public land but not on the land they hunt bucks?
- Wallenfang - What if public & private lands are intermixed?

Early and Late Season Firearm Antlerless Deer Hunting Units

Shaded Units Only in Lower Peninsula

Legend

- Open on Private Lands
- Closed including all areas not shown here
- DMU Boundary
- County Line
- Zone Line (Zone 1 is the Upper Peninsula, which is not shown here)



Bovine Tuberculosis Surveillance

The DNR is urging hunters to submit their deer heads for bovine tuberculosis (bTB) testing if the deer is harvested in the following counties: Alcona, Alcona, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon. Hunters are asked to submit deer carcasses with chest lesions suspicious for bTB (pea-sized tan or yellow lumps on the inside of the ribcage or on the lungs) from anywhere in the state. A list of deer check stations is available at www.michigan.gov/dnr or by contacting a DNR Service Center.

Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance

The DNR will continue identifying and testing free-ranging cervids statewide that have been showing symptoms consistent with chronic wasting disease (CWD) including emaciation, behavioral changes, drooling, incoordination, loss of fear and death. If a deer, elk or moose is observed exhibiting symptoms of CWD, contact the DNR Wildlife Disease Lab at 517-336-5030 or the nearest DNR Operations Service Center. After hours, reports should be made to the DNR RAP Line at 800-292-7800.

Epidemiologic Hemorrhagic Disease

Epidemiologic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) is an acute, infectious, often fatal disease contracted by wild ruminants but most commonly affecting white-tailed deer. The EHD virus is classified as an Orbivirus. EHD is transmitted via the bite of an infected insect of the genus Culex which include midges, gnats and other biting flies. The disease cannot be transmitted from one animal to another by direct contact, and it is not transmissible to humans. EHD typically is detected in deer in late summer and early fall, and sick and dead deer are often found near water.

Deer infected with the virus appear lethargic, disoriented, lame and unresponsive to humans. As the disease progresses, the deer may have bloodtinged discharge from the nose and mouth along with a red, swollen tongue. Deer usually develop a high fever (they seek out water to decrease their body temperature - that is why they are found near or in water), and the vascular system is affected. Hemorrhages are commonly present throughout the viscera, and blood is found in the body cavities. To report a deer with EHD symptoms, contact the DNR Wildlife Disease Lab at 517-336-5030 or the nearest DNR Operations Service Center. After hours, reports should be made to the DNR RAP Line at 800-292-7800.

Signings of any sick or dead wildlife can also be reported using an online form found at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Dioxin Advisory Information

Health assessors from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the DNR determined that samples of wild game taken in 2003, 2004 and 2007 from the floodplains of the Tittabawassee River and Saginaw River downstream of Midland contain high levels of dioxin and dioxin-like compounds. Wild game that has been tested include deer, turkey, cottontail rabbit, squirrel, wood duck and Canada goose. As a result, the MDCH advises that hunters and their families follow these recommendations related to deer:

- Do not eat the liver from deer harvested in or near the Tittabawassee River floodplain downstream of Midland. Eating liver taken from deer harvested in the floodplain of the Saginaw River is not likely to result in adverse health effects.
- Limit consumption of muscle meat from deer harvested in or near the floodplain of the Tittabawassee River downstream of Midland and in or near the floodplain of the Saginaw River. Women who are pregnant or nursing should limit the use of 15 should eat only one meal of deer muscle meat harvested in the floodplains per week. Trimming any visible fat will lower the level of dioxins in the cooked meat.
- Other wild game that have not been tested in this area may also contain dioxins at levels that are a concern. To reduce general dioxin exposure from other wild game, trim any visible fat from the meat before cooking, do not consume organ meats such as the liver or brain, and do not eat the skin.

For more information on dioxin, dioxin-like compounds and wild-game advisories for the Tittabawassee River and Saginaw River floodplains, go to www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Deer Baiting and Recreational Feeding

Baiting is prohibited year-round in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Oscoda counties, and within the townships of Oscoda, Plainfield, Wilber, Au Sable and Baldwin in Iosco County. Baiting in the rest of the state is allowed in limited quantities from October 1 to January 1. Hunters may place no more than two gallons of any type of bait scattered across a minimum 10-acre by 10-foot area.

Property owners may place two gallons of recreational feed on their property within 100 yards of their residence year-round except in DMU 487. The feed must be scattered or dispersed at least 100 yards from any area accessible to cattle, goats, sheep, new world animals, swine, horses or caprine cervids. The feed must be placed at the same point on the ground. Only place bait out when actively feeding. This may minimize the chance of direct and indirect exposure of deer to any diseases that may be present.

Baiting is also prohibited statewide during the early antlerless firearm and youth and 100 percent disabled veteran firearm deer hunting days in September.

Special Antlerless Deer Seasons

Firearm antlerless deer hunts will take place in some Lower Peninsula DMUs on the following dates:

- Early Antlerless Deer Season: September 22-23, 2012
- Late Antlerless Deer Season: December 17, 2012 - January 1, 2013

Refer to the 2012 Early and Late Season Firearm Antlerless Deer Hunting Units map for the DMUs included in the early and late antlerless deer seasons. Hunters must possess a private-land antlerless deer license issued for the DMU upon which they are hunting, or a Deer Management Assistance (DMA) permit valid for that DMU for the early and late antlerless seasons. A deer kill tag issued under the mentioned youth license must be used for an antlerless deer during the antlerless-only seasons.

Firearm, combination, archery and junior archery deer licenses are not valid for any of the above seasons. All hunters are required to wear hunter orange and must have permission from the landowner or leaseholder before hunting on private land. The telephone number of the private landowner is required to acquire a private-land antlerless deer license. Also see section below, "Firearm Hunting Rules for Youth Hunters."

Youth and 100 Percent Disabled Veteran Firearm Deer Hunting Days

A youth and 100 percent disabled veteran firearm deer hunt will take place on all lands in Michigan September 22-23, 2012. Youth 16 years of age or younger and 100 percent disabled in this special hunt. Hunters under the age of 10 must be licensed through the Mentored Youth Hunting Program and accompanied by a qualified mentor. Also see section below, "Firearm Hunting Rules for Youth Hunters." For youth 10 to 16 years of age and qualified veterans with disabilities, valid licenses include a combination, firearm or antlerless deer license. During this two-day hunt only, a firearm or combination license may be used for an antlerless or antlerless deer. A Deer Management Assistance (DMA) permit may also be used to take one antlerless deer only, if issued for the area/land upon which hunting. Archery and junior archery deer licenses are not valid for this hunt. The bag limit for this season is one deer.

A veteran who has been determined to have a 100 percent disability or is rated as individually unemployable by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs may participate in this hunt. Documentation from the Veterans Administration shall be in the possession of a veteran participating in this hunt.

All hunters are required to wear hunter orange and must have permission from the landowner or leaseholder before hunting on private land. The telephone number of the private landowner is required to acquire a private-land antlerless deer license.

Firearm Hunting Rules for Youth Hunters

- The following restrictions apply to youth hunters during any firearm deer season:
 - Youth under 14 years of age may hunt with archery and crossbow equipment on public or private lands or with a firearm on private or Commercial Forest lands only.
 - A public-land antlerless deer license is required to hunt antlerless deer on Commercial Forest land.
 - All hunters under age 17 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone designated by their parent or guardian; additional qualifications apply with the apprentice or mentored youth licenses.
 - All hunters participating in a firearm season must wear hunter orange.

Apprentice Hunting License

A person who does not have a hunter safety certificate and is 16 years of age or older may purchase an apprentice hunting license. An apprentice hunter may purchase this license for two license years before he or she must successfully complete a hunter safety course. The apprentice hunting license is available to residents and nonresidents.

When issued, an apprentice license must be accompanied by someone 21 or older who possesses a regular current-year hunting license for the same game as the apprentice. For apprentices between ages 16-18, the accompanying hunter must be the apprentice's parent, guardian, or someone designated by the parent or guardian. "Accompanied" requires the accompanying hunter to be able to come to the immediate aid of the apprentice and stay within a distance that permits uninterrupted, unsupervised and verbal contact.

For hunting antlerless deer, the accompanying hunter needs a 2012 deer hunting license that is valid sometime within the 2012 deer hunting season. A person may accompany no more than two apprentice hunters while hunting.

Mentored Youth Hunting Program

New! The Mentored Youth Hunting Program allows youth hunters nine years old and younger to hunt deer, turkey and small game, tree turkeys and fish for all species with a qualified youth mentor who is 21 years old. The mentored youth license is a "package" license that entitles the youth to hunt, trap and fish for the species listed above during all open seasons for the species. Additional restrictions apply; complete program details can be found in the Michigan Hunting and Trapping Digest, or online at www.michigan.gov/mentoredyouth.

A deer kill tag issued under the mentored youth license is valid for any deer in any deer management unit, except during antlerless-only seasons when only an antlerless deer may be taken.

Tagging Option for Antlerless Deer Hunters

Antlerless deer hunters with an unused valid license for an antlerless deer and an unused antlerless deer license for the DMU in which they are hunting may bag a male antlerless deer with an antlerless deer license kill tag. A male antlerless deer, often called a "button buck," means a deer with antlers where the longest antler extends less than three inches above the skull.

Online Hunter Harvest Surveys

Accurate and complete information on hunting activity is vital for sound wildlife management. Hunters are encouraged to report their hunting activity online after the season has ended at www.michigan.gov/hunt. These surveys are sent traditionally mailed to randomly selected hunters. The online reporting option now allows all hunters to participate.

Commercial Hunting Guides on State Land

In 2012, all commercial hunting guides utilizing state-owned lands must receive written authorization. Guides are asked to meet to the conditions of the written authorization. If you are a guide and wish to use state-owned lands, please visit the website at www.michigan.gov/dnr or contact Casey Reitz at (517) 373-9329 or reitz@michigan.gov for more information.

Commercial guiding on National Forest (NF) lands requires a special use permit. Applications can be obtained through any NF office or by calling - Hwaehwa NF: 906-426-5800; Huron-Manistee NF: 231-775-5023; or Ottawa NF: 906-932-1330.

Drawing results will be posted at www.michigan.gov/hunt drawings on September 5.

Antlerless Deer Hunting License

This license entitles residents and nonresidents 10 and older to take an antlerless deer or a deer with antlers less than three inches in length within the deer management unit specified on the license. There are two types of antlerless deer hunting licenses: public-land and private-land.

- A public-land antlerless deer hunting license is valid for taking antlerless deer from public lands (including state, federal and county lands) open to hunting within the deer management unit (DMU) specified on the license or on lands within the DMU that are enrolled as Commercial Forest lands.

- A private-land antlerless deer hunting license is valid only for taking antlerless deer from privately owned lands within the deer management unit specified on the license with permission of the landowner. To purchase a private-land antlerless license, the phone number of the landowner is required. A private-land license is not valid on public or Commercial Forest lands.

Antlerless deer licenses are valid during all deer seasons with hunting equipment appropriate for the season and hunting zone. The antlerless deer license is a stand-alone hunting license. No additional license is necessary to be legally aided. It is illegal to use an antlerless deer license to tag a deer with antlers three inches or more in length.

Youth under 14 years of age may hunt with archery and crossbow equipment on public or private lands or with a firearm on private or Commercial Forest lands only. Hunters under the age of 10 must be licensed through the Mentored Youth Hunting Program and accompanied by a qualified mentor.

All hunters wishing to hunt antlerless deer on public land or Commercial Forest Land must have a public-land antlerless license during the firearm deer seasons.

For additional details, see the map and the Mentored Youth Hunting Program section inside this digest.

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Bay City 3580 State Park Drive Bay City, MI 48706 989-684-9141	Newberry 5100 State Highway M-123 Newberry, MI 49868 906-293-5331	Southfield 26000 W. Eight Mile Rd. Southfield, MI 48034 248-350-9040
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The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached over \$238 million.

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For information or assistance on this publication, contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7044. This publication is available in alternative formats upon request.

How to Obtain an Antlerless Deer License

A limited number of antlerless deer hunting licenses are available for many deer management units (DMUs) for private-land and public-land hunting. Licenses are distributed through an application and drawing; licenses that remain after the drawing will be sold until the quota is met for each DMU. In some DMUs, private-land licenses are available only over the counter (without application). Hunters may apply for one license through the drawing, or wait to purchase licenses after the drawing, if available. See map inside for details.

Application Information

You may apply for a license online at www.michigan.gov/hunt or at a DNR Operations Service Center or authorized license agent. It costs \$4 to apply.

You will need one of the following forms of customer identification:

- Valid Michigan driver's license
- State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State)
- DNR Sportcard (issued through license agents or at www.michigan.gov/hunt)

You must be at least 10 years old by the time a license is purchased.

You may submit a single application only, either for a public-land or private-land license (not both). When applying for a private-land antlerless license, the telephone number of the private landowner is required.

You are responsible for obtaining a DNR application receipt that states your customer ID and hunt choice. Check the receipt for accuracy and retain as proof of application. Ensure any application errors are corrected prior to the application deadline. Do not accept a receipt that is not legible.

Applicants who submit an invalid application will be ineligible for the drawing.

You are responsible for obtaining your drawing results online at www.michigan.gov/hunt. Applicants will not be notified by mail.

For application assistance, call 517-373-1263.

IMPORTANT: It is your responsibility to check your application receipt for accuracy.

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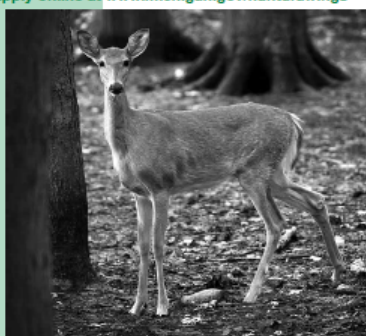
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Application Period July 15-August 15, 2012

Apply online at www.michigan.gov/hunt



Important Changes

- Michigan's youth hunting laws have changed to allow youth of any age to hunt with adult supervision. See the Mentored Youth Hunting Program section.
- The season purchase limit for private land antlerless deer licenses has changed.
- Youth and 100% Disabled Hunter days have changed.

Important Reminders

- Combination and firearm deer licenses can be used to harvest antlerless and antlered deer in DMU 487.
- Review the DMUs open and closed to antlerless hunting carefully, as changes occur to some DMUs each year.
- Report sick or dead deer at www.michigan.gov/dnr or to the DNR Wildlife Disease Lab at 517-336-5030.



Antlerless Deer License Quotas

Antlerless deer license quotas were not available at the time this digest was printed. An antlerless license quota is established based on the management objectives for each DMU. Antlerless quotas are available online at www.michigan.gov/hunt.

Multi-County Antlerless Deer Licenses

Multi-county antlerless licenses will be available in DMUs 486 and 487. Private-land licenses are no longer available for individual DMUs within DMU 486 and 487. Public-land licenses are available for individual DMUs within DMU 486 and 487.

DMU 486 is a multi-county DMU created to facilitate antlerless deer harvest in the southern Lower Peninsula (see map). A private-land antlerless deer license for DMU 486 is valid, with the landowner's permission, for private-land hunting in DMUs 003, 008, 009, 011, 012, 013, 014, 019, 023, 025, 026, 030, 032, 033, 034, 037, 038, 039, 041, 044, 046, 047, 054, 056, 059, 061, 063, 070, 073, 076, 078, 079, 080, 081, 162 and 273.

DMU 487 is a multi-county DMU created to address bovine tuberculosis in the deer herd in the northeast Lower Peninsula (see map). A private-land antlerless deer license for DMU 487 is valid, with the landowner's permission, for private-land hunting in DMUs 001, 004, 035, 060, 068, 071, 135 and 452. A combination or firearm deer license can be used to harvest antlerless or antlered deer in DMU 487 during the firearm and muzzleloading seasons.

License Purchase

If you are selected in the drawing or wish to purchase a private-land license without application or a leftover license, you may purchase your hunting license online at www.michigan.gov/hunt or from any license agent. The telephone number of the private landowner is required. All licenses must be signed to be valid. Your signature on the license certifies that you meet applicable residency and hunter-safety requirements to purchase a Michigan hunting license.

Make sure the information on your license is accurate. Licenses may not be altered or transferred.

Antlerless Deer License Options

Item No.	Applicable	Type of License	Cost
150*	642	Application for Public-Land License Drawing	\$ 4.00
151*	642	Resident Public-Land License (successful applicants)	\$ 19.00
152	643	Nonresident Public-Land License (successful applicants)	\$ 138.00
153	644	Junior License (only available July 15 - Aug. 15)	\$ 15.00
154	645	Resident CTC Public-Land License	\$ 15.00
155	646	Nonresident CTC Public-Land License	\$ 138.00
450*	642	Application for Private-Land License Drawing	\$ 4.00
451	665	Resident Private-Land License (successful applicants)	\$ 15.00
452	666	Nonresident Private-Land License (successful applicants)	\$ 138.00
453	667	Resident CTC Private-Land License	\$ 15.00
454	668	Nonresident CTC Private-Land License	\$ 138.00
320	669	Member Youth License	\$ 7.50

CTC = Over the counter, no application required.

Discounted Antlerless Deer Licenses

Hunting license fees are established by the Legislature. The DNR has authority to discount antlerless deer licenses. In 2012, antlerless deer licenses will be discounted 40 percent in DMUs 001, 004, 035, 060, 068, 071, 135, 452 and 487, where bovine tuberculosis has been documented in the northeast Lower Peninsula.

* A single application may be submitted, either for public-land or private-land license (not both).

NOTE: Individuals who purchase a license online will receive the license by mail within seven days. If you do not receive your license, contact customer service at (517) 373-2254.

Leftover Licenses

After the drawing, leftover antlerless deer licenses will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis beginning September 10 at 10 a.m. Remaining licenses may be viewed at www.michigan.gov/hunt. Licenses will be sold until the quota is met in each DMU.

Antlerless Deer License Purchase Limits (Per Hunter)

Licenses will be sold until the quota is met in each DMU.

Daily Purchase Limit

Private land in DMUs 486 and DMU 487	5 licenses per day*
Public land in DMU 452	5 licenses per day*
All other antlerless licenses	2 licenses per day*

*In total, no more than 5 licenses per day may be purchased statewide.

Season Purchase Limit

Public land statewide	No limit until quota met
Private land in DMU 486 and DMU 487	10 licenses
Private land statewide (except DMU 486 and DMU 487)	5 licenses

Junior Antlerless Deer Hunting Licenses

Young hunters, ages nine to 16, may purchase one junior antlerless deer license over the counter July 15 through August 15; however, a nine-year-old must be 10 by September 15, 2012 to purchase this license. No application fee or drawing is required. This license is available only in Deer Management Units (DMUs) with a quota for antlerless licenses. This license may be purchased for either public land or private land, not both. Also see section "Firearm Hunting Rules for Youth Hunters." Nonresidents, ages 10 to 16, are allowed to purchase resident licenses.

Private-land licenses for DMUs shaded green

go on sale September 10 at 10 a.m.

Remaining licenses may be viewed at

www.michigan.gov/hunt

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How to Apply

- Select a DMU from the hunt table.
 - For a public-land antlerless deer license, an application is recommended.*
 - Public-land licenses are only available in some DMUs, as indicated in the hunt table.
 - For a private-land antlerless deer license in DMUs shaded in purple on the map, an application is recommended.*
 - Private-land licenses for DMUs shaded in green may be purchased without application beginning September 10 at 10 a.m. EDT.
- Complete the Antlerless Deer Application Worksheet.
- Apply online at www.michigan.gov/hunt or at any license agent.
 - You may apply for either a private-land antlerless license or a public-land antlerless license - not both.
 - Check your application receipt. Retain receipt as proof of application.

*Hunters may apply for an antlerless license or wait to purchase a leftover license after the drawing, if available. Licenses will be sold until the quota is met for each DMU. There is no guarantee leftover licenses will be available in any DMU.

NOTE: It is unlawful to apply for more than one antlerless deer license. If you are selected in the drawing, your drawing success authorizes you to purchase only one antlerless license. This does not preclude you from purchasing remaining licenses after the drawing, if available, within the daily and seasonal limits noted in this digest.

Antlerless Deer License Application Worksheet

You will be asked for the following information when applying:

- Your birth date? _____
- Customer ID number? _____
Michigan driver's license, State of Michigan ID card or DNR Sportcard
- Application item number? _____
(Choose Only One)
150 (Public Land) or 450 (Private Land)
- Enter DMU number (See map or hunt table) _____
For Public-Land Application: Enter public land DMU
OR
For Private-Land Application: Enter private land DMU
- If applying for a private-land license, the telephone number of the private landowner is required. _____

NOTE: Only public-land antlerless licenses are valid on Commercial Forest lands. If you plan to hunt during the firearm or muzzleloading season for an antlerless deer on Commercial Forest land, you must have a public-land antlerless license for that DMU.

Deer Hunting Seasons

Antlerless deer licenses are valid during all deer seasons with hunting equipment appropriate for the season and hunting zone.

Season	Location	Season Dates
Early Antlerless Firearm*	Private land in select DMUs	Sept. 22-23
Youth and 100 Percent Disabled Veterans Hunt	Statewide	Sept. 22-23
Special Disabled Firearm Hunt	Statewide	Oct. 19-21
Archery*	Statewide	Oct. 1-Nov. 14 1-Jan. 1
Regular Firearm	Statewide	Nov. 15-30
Muzzleloading	Zone 1 Zone 2 Zone 3	Dec. 7-16 Dec. 14-23 Dec. 7-23
Late Antlerless Firearm*	Private land in select DMUs	Dec. 17-Jan. 1

* See the Early and Late Season Firearm Antlerless Map in this digest.
* A combination license can be used to tag antlerless deer during archery seasons.

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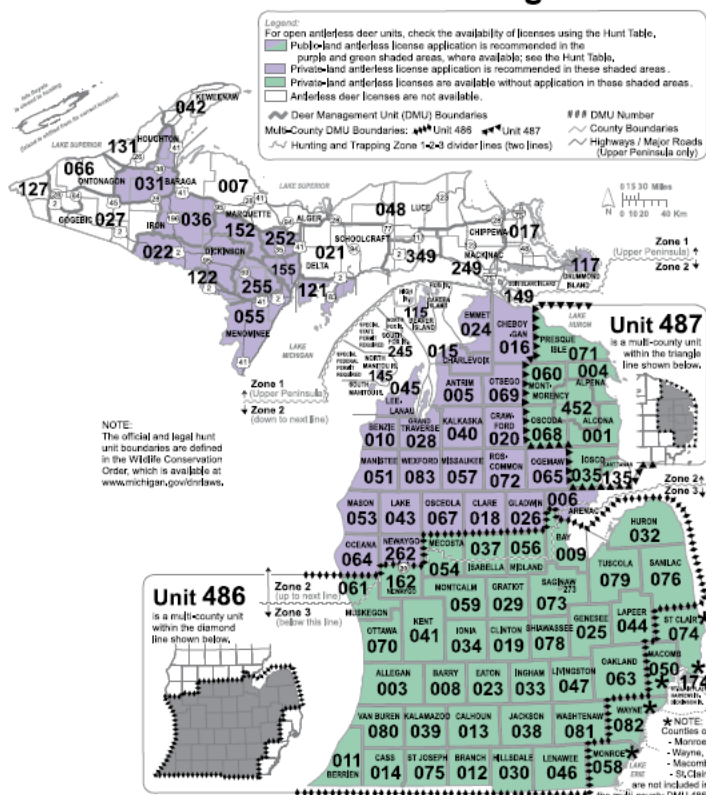
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2012 Antlerless Deer Hunting Units



Hunt Table

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DMU	PUBLIC LAND	PRIVATE LAND	DMU	PUBLIC LAND	PRIVATE LAND	DMU	PUBLIC LAND	PRIVATE LAND	DMU	PUBLIC LAND	PRIVATE LAND
005		X	069	X	X	014	X	DMU 486	081	X	DMU 486
006	X	X	070	X	X	019	X	DMU 486	083	X	DMU 486
010		X	083	X	X	023	X	DMU 486	086	X	DMU 486
015		X	116	X	X	026	X	DMU 486	078	X	DMU 486
016	X	X	117	X	X	028	X	DMU 486	071	X	DMU 486
018	X	X	121	X	X	030	X	DMU 486	073	X	DMU 486
020	X	X	122	X	X	033	X	DMU 486	074	X	X
022	X	X	146		X	033	X	DMU 486	075	X	DMU 486
025		X	160		X	035	X	DMU 486	076	X	DMU 486
026	X	X	166	X	X	035	X	DMU 487	078	X	DMU 486
028	X	X	245		X	037	X	DMU 486	079	X	DMU 486
031		X	248		X	039	X	DMU 486	080	X	DMU 486
033		X	250		X	039	X	DMU 486	082	X	DMU 486
036	X	X	265	X	X	039	X	DMU 486	084	X	DMU 486
040		X	267	X	X	041	X	DMU 486	085	X	X
043	X	001	X	DMU 457	044	X	DMU 486	130	X	DMU 487	
045	X	003	X	DMU 458	045	X	DMU 486	153	X	DMU 486	
051		X	022	DMU 457	047	X	DMU 485	174	X	X	
053	X	000	X	DMU 486	050	X	X	273		X	
055	X	X	009	X	DMU 486	054	X	DMU 486	452	X	X
057	X	X	011	X	DMU 486	055	X	DMU 486	486	X	DMU 487
064	X	X	016	X	DMU 486	056	X	DMU 486			
065	X	X	013	X	DMU 486	059	X	DMU 486			
067		X	014	X	DMU 486	060	X	X	487		

It is recommended that the Conservation Congress must have a more active role in deer management decision-making at the local level.

- **Phelan - Overview on the Congress.**
- **Brooks - How many / which rules went through legislation without conservation congress input?**
- **Brooks - Which and how many rules have been successful through conservation congress?**

• Laws Questions and Congress Questions

- How many/which rules went through without congress input?
 - There is no real way to know this.
 - Each bill would have to be reviewed for who testified.
 - Al Phelan may know as a general rule how the Congress interacts with the bills.

- Laws Questions and Congress Questions

- How many/which rules have been successful; through the congress?



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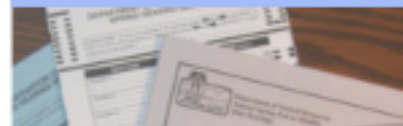
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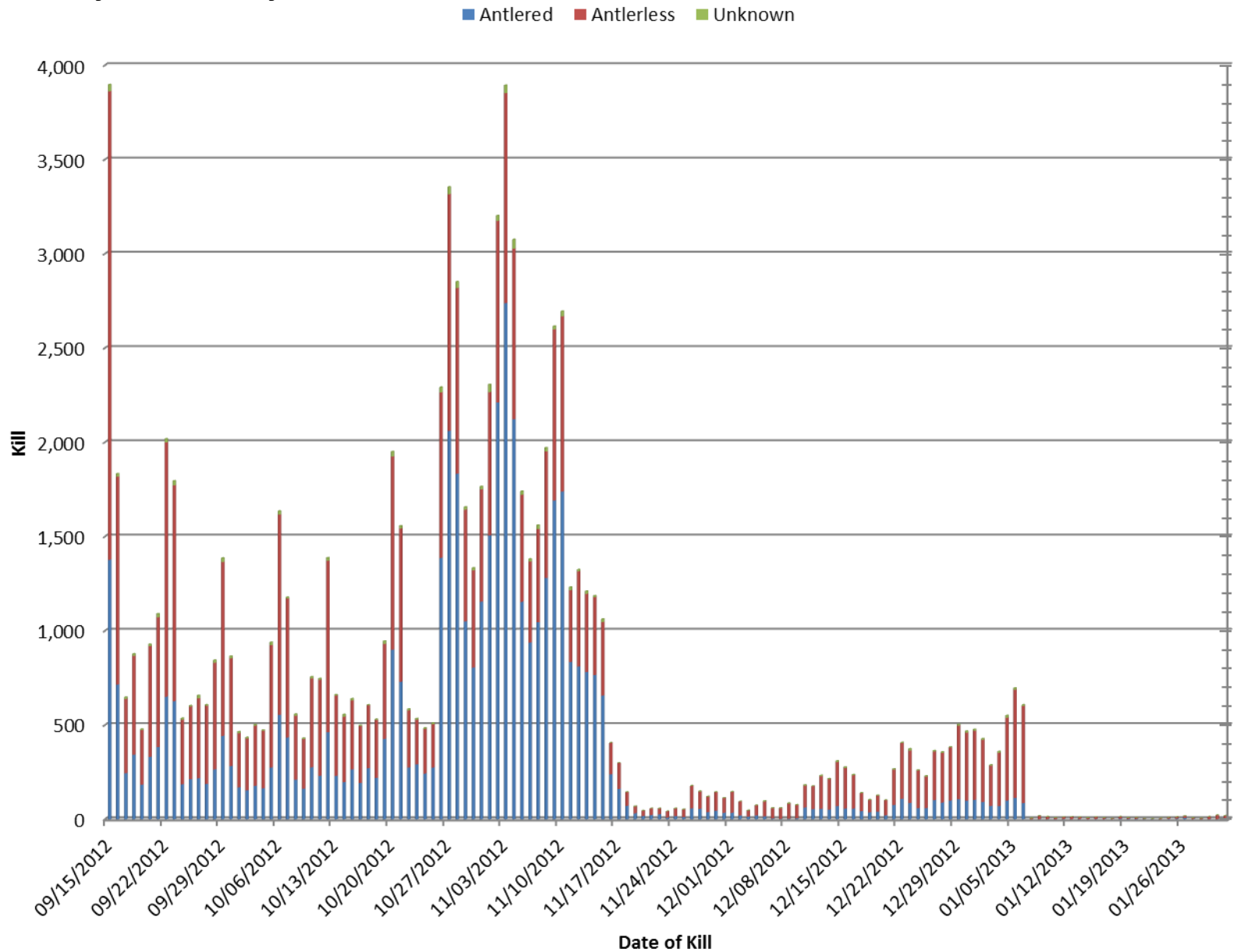
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Additional Information Items



Archery Harvest by Date



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